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Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Response is submitted in further response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of July 17, 2001. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 19, 2001, which extended the time for responding to January 19, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a request for a one month extension of time, with the requisite fee, to extend the time for responding from January 19, 2002, to February 19, 2002. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but in the event that fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

REMARKS

In the Amendment and Response filed on November 19, 2001, Applicants noted that data supporting the phrase "glucosamine-6-phosphate synthase" as used in the claims would be provided in the next few weeks by supplemental response and a declaration under 37 CFR 1.132. This data is provided in view of the Examiner's comments during the telephone interview of August 21, 2001, wherein the Examiner indicated that additional data in support of the use of glucosamine-6-phosphate synthases other than the *E. coli* glucosamine-6-phosphate synthase would be a positive step toward acceptance of the broader claim scope.

Attached hereto is a Declaration of Ming-De Deng under 37 CFR 1.132, which provides evidence that glucosamine-6-phosphate synthases from a variety of sources can be used successfully